



The P.A.C.E. Times

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*A Glimpse into the Woodbridge Township School District
Extended School Year Program*



**“Education is a gift that no one can
take away”**



Program for the Advancement of Children's Education

Week 1– Star-Spangled Spectacular Week

PACE OPENED WITH A BIG BANG with STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR WEEK for our first exciting theme! Our students and staff proudly celebrated their Nation’s Independence with many wondrous activities and celebrations! Many of us sported our Patriotism by wearing red, white and blue attire. We all engaged in making symbols of our country, ranging from hand painted American Flags , to magnificent “firework displays” which we proudly exhibited in the hallways and classrooms! We could hear the Patriotic songs, and marching activities from the rooms and felt the excitement and enthusiasm as we walked the hallways! Some groups also made “edible” flags using graham crackers, vanilla icing and blueberries as well as twizzlers . Other groups used their 4th of July experiences to engage in writing activities and communication activities as well! All in all, this was definitely a” Spectacular” Learning experience this summer at PACE!



Week 2— The Music in You Week

If you had the opportunity to walk through the halls of Matthew Jago School during The Music in You week, you would be pleasantly surprised to see the creativity of our classrooms and students.

The school was alive with the sounds of songs and musical instruments. Many classes created their very own instruments while others worked together to make beautiful music, and practiced moving and singing in anticipation of our upcoming school wide sing-a-long. The DJ show was a huge hit with both students and staff! Music in You week was an epic musical adventure that will not be forgotten.



Week 3– Mad Hatter Week

Mad Hatter Week at P.A.C.E was a great time had by all! Some groups focused on storytelling skills and strategies while other groups got creative! Mad Hatter hats big and small were showcased in different classrooms along with tea parties and other Alice in Wonderland themed arts and crafts. The week's highlight was the performance by the Pushcart Players who acted out their version of Alice in Wonderland.



Week 4– Fun with Board Games Week

On our fourth week of P.A.C.E. we had “Fun with Board Games Week.” This was a very fun week! We were able to play different types of board games and other games. We learned how to take turns, share, wait our turn and participate in a group to play. We even had a show come to P.A.C.E. called the “Human Board Game.” The students at P.A.C.E. were the actual pieces of the board game! It was really awesome! As you can see, this was a very fun week at P.A.C.E.!



Week 5– Comfort and Balance Week

On the 5th week at P.A.C.E. we worked on activities for the Comfort and Balance theme. Some of the classes learned how to create a well balanced meal and learned about the food pyramid. Other activities included learning about our bones and the rest of our bodies. During clubs we had a great time making a peace painting and decorated a peace cookie. Another creative activity was to dim the classroom lights and listen to light music while the students colored, creating a relaxing mood. During the week the students attended classes in which Nikki, a yoga instructor, led our classes in yoga. We also had the opportunity to meet Bailey, a therapy dog.



Highland Grove Spray Park Visits

P.A.C.E. students splashed into another year of enjoying all that Highland Grove Spray Park has to offer. During the scorching hot July days, students were able to cool off by running through the sprinklers, swimming in the pool, and splashing around with their friends.

P.A.C.E thanks **Highland Grove Spray Park** for opening it's doors to our students for a unique, fun experience this summer. The students thoroughly enjoyed taking a break from training their brains in order to have some fun!

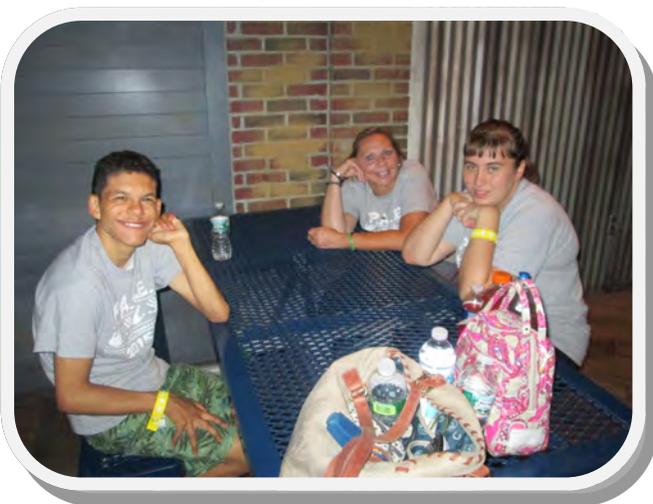
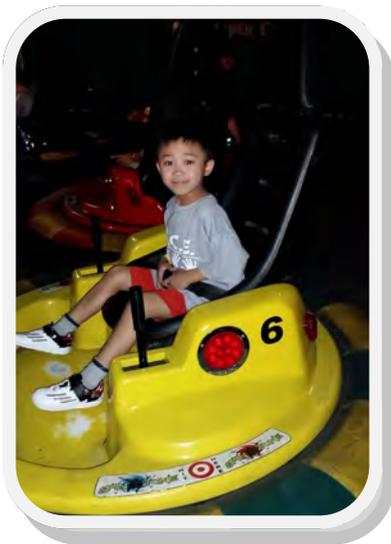
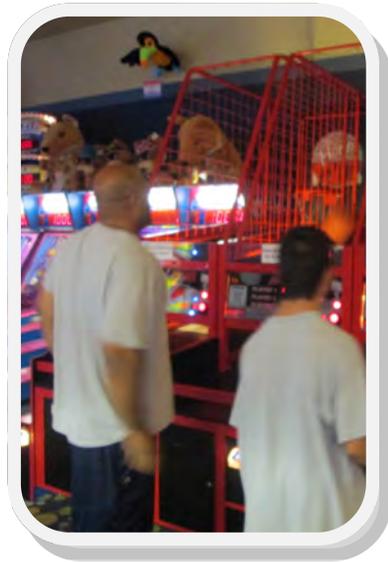


iPlay America Trip

Students were eager to jump off the buses and jump into some fun at iPlay America this summer. All groups participated in this awesome experience being able to play Laser Tag, enjoy the indoor rides, drive go-carts, and even win prizes at the arcade! Some classes were even lucky enough to experience the multi-sensory 4D Movie Theatre. What an experience, it was a fun day enjoyed by all!



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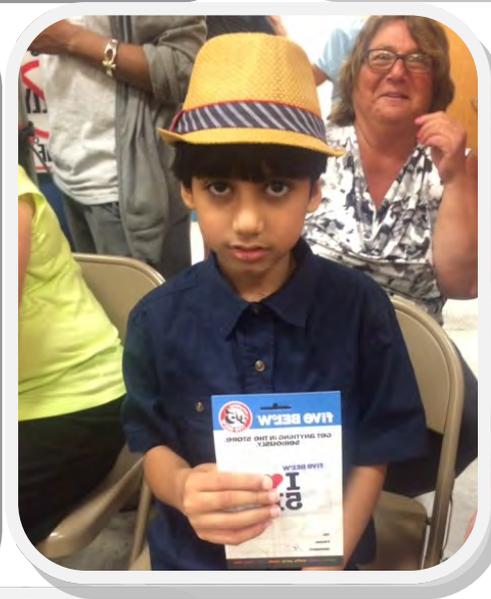


iPlay America Trip



P.A.C.E. TALENT SHOW

This year's talent show dazzled with many talented students here at P.A.C.E. Many students came out to showcase their talents such as dancing and singing. These students practiced hard and put their time in which showed in their performances. The talent show is a highlight for many here at P.A.C.E, it is such a pleasure seeing what talent our students have.



Physical Education

Physical Education students had a ball and practiced sports skills in the air conditioned all purpose room for the month of July. While celebrating a different theme each week the students played Soccer to celebrate the USA World cup victory. Students also had a chance to practice volleyball and basketball. We had a great time in the Nintendo Wii arcade with 8 different interactive games. Fun was had by all and Miss Stephen looks forward to the sing along and seeing everyone sing and dance.



Math/Technology



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Miss Adase has been working hard with younger P.A.C.E. children engaging them in many interactive math lessons during their math/technology time. Older P.A.C.E. children have been busy clicking their way around new, exciting educational websites and internet resources during the month of July.

We practiced fundamental skills

such as counting 1-20, colors, and shapes using fun Youtube clips and sing-a-long videos. We even used colorful manipulatives to visualize what we were counting! It was a great time had by all while practicing our math skills along the way.

We also had the opportunity to use the computers in order to practice number recognition, matching numbers and objects, and even practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division through engaging websites on www.abcya.com along with other cool websites!

The children at P.A.C.E. have had the opportunity to practice their

language arts, mathematical, and 21st century skills in a virtual environment. They have all truly become 21st century learners while brushing up on their math skills! Good luck next year in school and have a fabulous summer!

Sincerely, Miss Adase



Writing

Ms. Pastor has been working with students at P.A.C.E. on their writing skills as well as reading skills and comprehension. Throughout the summer students have been working on letter recognition, developing ideas, sequencing, and sentence structure. Students also worked on their speaking and listening skills by sharing their writing **with their peers and listening to each other's stories.**

We started our summer off with a bang during "Star Spangled Spectacular" week!!! P.A.C.E. students listened to stories about American Symbols and wrote about their own 4th of July experiences. During "The Music In You" week students read about different genres of music and wrote about their favorite artists or music. "Mad Hatter" week allowed younger P.A.C.E. students to create invitations to a tea party while older P.A.C.E. students wrote about a dream they have had.

During "Fun with Board Games Week" students tapped into various skills through playing Language arts incorporated board games such as letter and word identification bingo for younger students while older students participated in creating stories using cubes called "Roll a Story". We ended our summer with "Comfort and Balance Week". During this time students participated in various exercise and meditation activities and discussed and wrote about their feelings while participating in these various activities.

It was a fun filled and productive summer for all!!! Enjoy the rest of the summer!!!



Nurses



Dear parents,

It's been our pleasure getting to know your children and keeping them safe and well over the last few weeks at PACE. Thank you for entrusting us with their care.

It's been a busy time in the nurse's office. Summertime brings some problems we don't see much of during the school year...heat related ailments, bug bites, sunburn, swimmer's ear...along with the usual bumps, scrapes, allergy symptoms and illnesses. Hopefully, we've helped to maintain your child's health and safety so that they'll be in good shape to start the new school year!

The summer is a great time to introduce healthy habits which you can incorporate into your child's daily life. Enjoy some Jersey fresh fruits and vegetables, get outside for some daily exercise, catch up on doctor and dentist appointments and try to establish a good sleep schedule. Before you know it, September will be here! Enjoy the rest of your summer! Stay well!

As always, please call us with any concerns regarding your child's health.

Your nurses, Denyse Giannone, RN & Pat Stefanicha, RN

Speech

The focus this summer was to have our students maintain their receptive and expressive language skills. Our lessons incorporated the program's weekly themes and engaged students in a fun and creative way. From learning about instruments during our "music in you week" to creating our own speech themed board game during our "fun with board games week", students were able to maintain their speech and language skills while using a multi-modality approach. The speech-language pathologists thoroughly enjoyed their time with the students and faculty here at PACE. We are very proud of all of the hard work our students displayed on a daily basis. It truly was a fantastic summer!



Literacy Coach



This summer at P.A.C.E. has been a very exciting and eventful time. Children who were struggling in reading and writing were able to learn new reading skills throughout P.A.C.E. The new strategies helped the children to increase their skills in reading. In daily small groups, using Recipe for Reading, the students explored sound-symbol relationships, sound words, phrases, fluency, and phonics instruction.

P.A.C.E. was enjoyed by all this summer!! I would like to wish all the students the best of luck for their upcoming school year. -Mrs. Tagliareni

Counseling

This summer has been an exceptional one at P.A.C.E. The children worked together on resolving their conflicts, as well as, helping each other in class and during counseling sessions to be better students and better friends to their classmates. The P.A.C.E. staff has worked well with students in helping them resolve different issues that come up. The children have shown an understanding of the cultural differences in others, and have expressed themselves appropriately in and out of class. Students and staff working together have made this a positive year at P.A.C.E. We look forward to next year. -Mr. Hulak

A-1

We have been busy with fun and educational activities from the minute the children got off the bus. During our 'Star Spangled Spectacular' theme, the children became patriotic as they made sparkling pictures of fireworks and American flags. With our 'The Music In You' theme the children jammed as they played instruments.

Using technology during the 'Mad Hatter' theme, the children were introduced to various nursery rhymes and stories. For our 'Board Game' theme the class did a cooking project. Using various ingredients they made edible dominoes. We took in a deep breath and relaxed for our 'Comfort and Balance' theme. A yoga instructor worked with the children on making poses and proper breathing. We concluded PACE with the 'Talent' theme. That included a game of bowling and a large preschool sing-along.

Getting to the good stuff...

The fan favorite was when we dropped 5 Mentos candies into a bottle of soda. The result was a geyser of exploding soda. The children loved it!

On the water slide and the sprinklers, the kids had a splash of a great time at the Water Walk-A-Thon! A BIG thank you goes out to the parents of the preschool class for all of your support!

Ms. De Ceglia, Ms. Jenene and Ms. Palmisano came in smiling everyday excited to work with your children. There are not enough words to express all of the gratitude!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

A-2

Our A-2 Lammers preschool has had such a great summer.

We painted our hands to make flags and pirates, fingerpainted guitars, and did many other crafts. **We had a fun "Water Day" thanks to our PACE parents, & played outside. We sang many songs, read books & learned about The Fourth of July, Making Music, Pirates, & Nutrition. We did bubbles, played with chalk and learned how to play Duck Duck Goose. PACE couldn't have gone any better than it did. We had a great time.**



A-3

The A-3 Starfish made a BIG SPLASH this summer at PACE! We were happily greeted by Mrs. Socratous, and Mrs. Ratajczak, and Ms. Kerry at school. We participated in many fun-filled learning activities as we celebrated the weekly themes. We enjoyed painting our flags and our drums **and tapping out rhythms!** One of our favorite themes was “Mad Hatter Week” as we put our own spin on “hats”! We made Dr. Seuss hats and read stories and we also made “edible hats” using marshmallows, bananas and strawberries- YUMMY! During Comfort and Balance week we **learned all about vegetables and healthy snacks and foods, and we made “Vegetable People “out of celery, carrots, cucumbers, raisins and olives!** Some of us took ours home to show to our families! We also exercised and tried to do yoga! Board Game week was exciting as we learned how to play basic board games. Our FAVS were Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders and The Princess Game! We enjoyed singing songs, coloring, play dough, centers and being with our friends, most of all! We even went out to the playground for exercise and activities on good weather days! We will miss our friends from PACE, but we will see them again next summer for another Fun PACE experience!





Mrs. Casoni's crew in B-1 have been very busy during this fabulous fun filled summer here at **P.A.C.E.!** **We've made new friends and practiced all the important skills we learned throughout the year.**

We started off strong with the red, white, and blue as we learned about America in Star Spangled Spectacular week. The children discussed the Fourth of July and many famous American heroes, and symbols. We had a blast talking about our favorite Fourth of July activities (watching fireworks, going to the beach, and attending a picnic). The students made flags and celebrated the birth of America!

During The Music in You week we all learned about and explored musical instruments. We introduced the instrument lesson with a Brainpop video and then played musical bingo. We voted and graphed our favorite sounds after listening to many unique instruments. We improved our reading fluency and decoding of words as we read aloud musical words from our familiar circle songs. **The class used the song "Here Comes the Sun" to review opposite words and explore weather and seasons.** It was so exciting to see how interested the children were learning about music, sound, and lyrics!

During Mad Hatter week, the class put their knowledge of story book characters and what it means to be adventurous to the test! We read about Alice and her many adventures and what characteristics each unique character possessed that made him or her special. The class was treated to a live performance of Alice in Wonderland, they thoroughly enjoyed this presentation and learning the tale of Alice.

Board Game week was one of our favorites here at P.A.C.E. We brushed up on our math skills that we have been learning throughout the school year to play math musical chairs, number relay, **and a jumping game while counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's!** **The students enjoyed board game centers** with their peers and practiced taking turns, sharing, and following multi-step directions. We added some creative art to this week by crafting our very own Candyland characters. The B-1 crew especially enjoyed the show and were engaged and focused during the live game board presentation.

Comfort and Balance week was a wonderful experience for the children! We practiced simple yoga poses each morning and followed along to Cosmic Kids yoga adventures throughout the week. We practiced breathing techniques and learned how to relax and quiet our bodies with soothing music.

Our students had the opportunity to see many amazing shows this summer, as well as spend the day at the amusement park, splash around at the spray ground, and who can forget the amazing talent show and sing-a-long!! Friendships have been formed and memories have been made, we thank all who help to keep this wonderful program going strong.

Mrs. Casoni and Ms. McGrath had an amazing summer with the B-1 crew and wish them nothing but the best for the upcoming school year.



B-2

The B-2 Super Stars led by Ms. Croat and assisted by Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Castro and Ms. Netta were busy bees during their time at P.A.C.E. The students were thrilled with the themed weeks full of fun activities. During the Star Spangled Spectacular Week the students enjoyed activities learning about America and the Fourth of July! For the Music in You Week the students made their own maracas! They had a great time singing and dancing to different types of music! The students loved having math centers.

Mad Hatter Week brought exciting activities. The students made teacups with tissue paper, large Mad Hatter Hats and ties! The students worked on various letters and sight words throughout P.A.C.E and loved sounding out words for each letter.

The students played many games during Fun with Board Games Week. They loved learning **new games together. The students during Comfort and Balance week enjoyed learning about kids' yoga.** The students had a blast during the spray-park.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!



B-3 Brains are excited to experience another wonderful year at camp. Anxious for camp to begin the B-3 Brains had a spectacular first two days creating hands-on American flags using red and blue paint and booming firecrackers for the Fourth of July!

During The Music in You Week, Miss Camuso, Miss Borrero, Miss Cathleen, and Mrs. Jo-Ann's B-3 Brains shook their hand-made maracas and discovered a world of different musical instruments. On Open House Day, Mrs. Casoni's class joined us as we watched a video on musical instruments and filled up plastic eggs with beans and taped spoons together to hold the eggs in place. Becoming musical experts, the B-3 Brains sorted each instrument between String, Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion. Our Friday Friends helped us along the way! Using different size straws we made harmonicas. With our fingers and paint we created pianos. Our class was filled with different sounds and tunes all week.

A new addition to camp this year is Yoga/Zumba Club where B1, 2, 3, and 4, are dancing, expressing their moves, and having fun throughout camp. Our Wii bowling scores have been increasing each week as the students continue to bowl.

As we made our way into Mad Hatter Week, B-3 Brains brought out their imaginations and creativity by making their own characters out of crafts along with descriptions about their characters. Joining Wonderland, we encountered and made friends with the Rabbit, Mad Hatter, Queen, King, Cat, and Cards. The B-3 Brains made clocks before, "It's Late!" In addition, we made our own gigantic Mad Hatter hats using tissue paper. Our heart card guards came to life with a touch of red pipe cleaners to match the Queen of Hearts.

Looking forward to Fun with Board Games Week, B-3 Brains are anxious to be a part of human board games and play different types of Bingo games. We are even practicing our grade-level sight words through interactive games. During this week's theme, the B-3 Brains are making their names out of scrabble game pieces.

Comfort and Balance week will teach us all about how to take care of our bodies and ways to exercise. We cannot wait to experience yoga lessons and learn how to keep healthy.

Last but not least, we are ready to show off our talent and sing-along to some great music. B-3 Brains are continuing to learn and experience new fun and exciting things at Camp P.A.C.E. 2015. B-3 Brains are expressing their best moments!



B-4

Miss Cardello's B4 "Shooting Stars" were real Superstars at P.A.C.E.! The students participated in many activities, which resulted in a fun-filled and productive summer. We could not have had a successful program without the help of our classroom aides, Miss Kathy and Miss Frazer. Our weeks went by quickly because we were busy doing many things that included going to the Highland Grove Spray Park, iPlay America, and seeing the movie, "Shaun the Sheep" at the movie theater. We also had themed weeks and our daily activities revolved around each theme. Starting our summer at P.A.C.E., we had "Star Spangled Spectacular Week" where we made American flags out of our handprints. The following week was "The Music in You Week" where we discussed the musical instrument groups and what instruments belong in each group. We also went to a music demonstration, which the students absolutely loved. "Mad Hatter Week" was the theme of the third week. Our class work for this week revolved around "Alice in Wonderland." The children made hats and decorated them with glitter, pom-poms, and streamers that they wore to the "Alice in Wonderland" show that was held in the All Purpose Room. "Board Game Week" consisted of playing board games as well as participating in a life-sized board game whereby the students moved around as if they were board game pieces. We also made a Domino craft. Following "Board Game Week" was "Comfort and Balance Week." The students learned yoga moves/positions to help with balance and concentration. As a class we discussed the Food Pyramid and what foods are nutritious and good for the body and mind. The week ended with the P.A.C.E. Talent Show where the B4 "Shooting Stars" performed a dance routine to "Party Rock Anthem." Much fun was had by all. Our final week included a Sing-a-Long and an Award Ceremony. Besides all the fun activities, each week we reviewed topics in Reading and Mathematics to help the students maintain their skill level in these subjects. It was a very rewarding summer for B4. Miss Cardello, Miss Kathy, and Miss Frazer wish all the best to our students for the upcoming school year!

B-5

Whoooo are we? The B5 OWLS!

I can't believe how fast we are flying through

P.A.C.E. We have been learning and having lots of fun. It's been a hoot going to the spray park and participating in clubs. We found the music in us when we made different musical instruments and learned how to play them. During Mad Hatter Week, we watched the Alice in Wonderland play. We also had our very own tea party and

learned all about tea party etiquette. We are looking forward to more fun filled days with our old friends and new friends we've made at P.A.C.E. It wouldn't be possible without the help of our paraprofessionals Mrs. Galuppo and Mrs. Stillwell. A special thank you to Mr. Patten and Mr. Scarano for all they do!

B-6

Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Kruponski, and Mrs. Cuthbertson have enjoyed working with B-6 this summer. B-6 engaged in rigorous mathematical equations, language arts activities, and study of the world. B-6 also played to exhaustion on the playground, during clubs, and while completing art projects. We also enjoyed the spray park, Bowcraft and all the wonderful shows. It was truly a summer to remember for Mr. O, Mr. K, and Mrs. Cheryl, and all of B-6. Go P.A.C.E.!

B-7

B-7 had a fantastic summer! We created Alice in Wonderland storybooks and listened to all types of music. The spray park was awesome! Batman and Robin also stopped the Mad Hatter and his evil plot of disrupting P.A.C.E.! Can't wait until next year!

Mr Bernstein
Mrs Valente
Ms. Clifford



B-8

The B-8 Bears had a fantastic summer this year at P.A.C.E. Everyone enjoyed learning everything from Dinosaur extinction to famous heroes in American History. The Bears loved their trip to Water Park where their favorite activity was the buckets. Learning about our Solar System was another highlight during **our incredible summer. We can't wait to come back next year!**

Mr. Cilento
Ms. Ashley
Mrs. LoGrande



B-9

Mr. Evangelista's B-9 Bulldogs took a bite out of learning at P.A.C.E. "Star Spangled Spectacular Week" we learned all about the flag and what it represents. We discussed all the reasons we are happy we live in America. We made flags with 13 reasons we are proud to be an American, one for each strip on the flag. We also discussed such things as The Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, and the White House to name a few of our National Landmarks. The week was a complete success.

The next week was "Music in You Week." Our students had the opportunity to see that math and music go hand in hand. The students were shown a program where the performer showed the students how to make their own music from everyday sounds. Students discussed the history of music over generations of time and created their own CDs.

Then it was then "Mad Hatter Week." The students discussed some of their favorite heroes from today and the past. They read stories such as Henny Penny, The Tortoise and the Hare, and Alice in Wonderland which

went well with our program which was just about that. The students chose their favorite storybook and came up with their own alternate endings.

"Fun with Board Games Week."The students were asked what their favorite board games are and how would you teach someone else how to play it. We played such games as Connect Four, Sorry, Guess Who and Chutes and Ladders. Out of all these games though the one game we had the most fun playing was Math Baseball where speed and accurate answers got you a single, double, triple, or homerun. The students definitely hit it out of the park.

Finally it was "Comfort and Balance" week. Students experienced what it is like to do yoga and try to hold their balance while doing so. We also talked about healthy eating and how to have a balance diet.

Ms. Kornmann, Mrs. Mahmood, and Mr. Evangelista, along with all the B-9 Bulldogs, had an excellent summer learning experience. We will all remember the enjoyable times.

B-10

The B10 watermelons have been busy showing off their artistic skills all summer! The entrance to Matthew Jago School is decorated with the different themes each week that the class has participated in. Mrs. Kopervas, Ms. Ostrowski, and Coach Nyers have supervised and OUTSTANDING group. Teamwork and work ethic have been characteristics of the B-10 watermelons. This was on display while the inaugural obstacle course was participated in. The class stood at different stations on the playground and cheered their classmates on as they directed each teammate to do their best. If there is one word to describe the B-10 watermelons this summer it would be TEAMWORK!!!!

B-11

The B-11 Beavers had an amazing summer this year! We buzzed in during our Family Feud Club, we got a little dirty while learning how to landscape, and fine tuned our rolling schools while Wii bowling. We kicked off the summer with a bang during our Fourth of July week. We showed off our inner musician during Music in You week. We got a little crazy during Mad Hatter week but we're able to unwind and relax during Comfort and Balance week. And, of course, we had fun with our individually created board games with our Fun with Board Games week. We loved our trips to the Spray Park, Bowcraft, and the movie theatre! Mix in some yoga, decimal and fraction operations, and some funny writing prompts and we certainly lived up to the PACE tradition. Mr. Herre wanted to personally thank the wonderful aid of Mrs. Postorino, Ms. Maglione, Ms. Burns, Ms. Lou Ann, Mr. Bergman, and our wonderful group of students. What a year B-11!



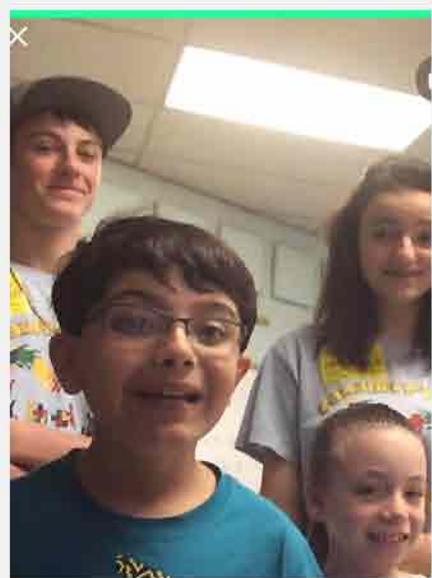
B-12

P.A.C.E. has been smooth sailing for the kids in B-12 this summer.

In the first two weeks, the students have participated in academics, sales, clubs, and even gone on a field trip. To reinforce ELA, history, and math lessons and strategies during the school year, the students, much to their chagrin, have been doing academic work in the classroom with additional one-on-one and small group instruction. The B-12 students have also been involved in authentic consumer lessons, employing real-world math transactions. Each week, the students have been running the ice cream, snack, and pretzel sales that go to benefit the end-of-the-year picnic. To benefit social and academic development, the students have taken part in clubs (Computer and Cooking) and even gone on a field trip to the Edison Lighthouse. On this trip, the students visited the Menlo Park Museum – **a museum built from Thomas Edison's original workshop. Here, students learned about Edison's humble beginnings and his numerous inventions** – the light bulb, phonograph, and movie camera.

Our summer would not have been as smooth without the help of Mrs. Zeno, the class paraprofessional, Mrs. Snee, the class aide, and Nurse Renee. A special thanks to Mr. Patten and Mr. Scarano for their continued support.







C-1

In Mr. Andersen's C-1 classroom, we are having a magical summer full of fun learning. Each day we participate in technology based group meetings, individualized activity schedules, theme based fine motor activities and gross motor experiences with our fellow preschool classes. So far this summer our fine motor activities included creating the American Flag with dot painters, making musical instruments with tissue paper, and coloring gigantic characters and scenes from Alice in Wonderland. In the final weeks of P.A.C.E. we will work on creating game pieces of our favorite board games and participating in yoga based activities.

C-2

Ms.McFadden's class children enjoyed looking game! Comfort and Balance week is all about relaxation! We played with all different sensory textures to relax this week. We listened to the sounds of nature to comfort us. We had an awesome summer and couldn't do it without the help of the wonderful Ms.Chris and Ms.Michele. Thanks for helping us continue to grow!

had a great time during P.A.C.E! Star-Spangled Spectacular week was filled with all things red, white, and blue. We sorted goldfish and made a firework art project! The Music In You week allowed us to let out our inner rock star! Our students were able to play all different types of instruments and sing a long to our favorite children's songs! The children enjoyed looking at all different kinds of characters during Mad Hatter Week, where we colored pictures of our favorite Disney and Cartoon characters. The students enjoyed working on letters when we played Scrabble during Fun With Board Games Week! We identified the letters we found, made sight words, and identified beginning sounds all through a board

C-3

Group C-3 has definitely had "S'MORE" fun this summer! For "Star spangled spectacular week," we had a blast painting our hands to look like American flags and counting stars to put on them. We also enjoyed cutting and pasting pieces of red, white, and blue paper to make patriotic collages! During "The music in you week," we played an exciting game of freeze dance and had our own little sing along in the classroom. We also used our thumb prints to create a music note picture! For "Mad Hatter week," we chose our favorite number and made our own big playing cards with faces and funny hats on them! During "fun with board games week," we used our math and fine motor skills to count white dots to glue onto a black piece of paper to make dominos. We also had the chance to play board games and color a board game picture to create our very own game! For "comfort and balance week," we relaxed by listening to relaxation music and learning some fun yoga moves! During our last week, "P.A.C.E. talent week," we had the opportunity to show our talents in the classroom by singing and dancing in front of our friends, which was so much fun! This summer was a blast!

C-4

The C-4 Mickey Mouse Club House has had a fun filled summer at P.A.C.E. with Miss Sarah! With the endless help from Miss Mary and Miss Felicia the students were able to practice their academic skills as well as make tons of great art projects, play outside, go on excitable field trips and more! During the first week of P.A.C.E. the students had fun making American flags using tissue paper and crayons. Throughout “The Music in You” week Rebecca, Isabelle, Joshua, Rayhan, Brooke, and Malavika painted their own guitars, learned how to play musical chairs, and had a blast at the assembly where they learned how to make all different kinds of music! “Mad Hatter Week” consisted of learning about time when we made “I’m Late for a very important date” clocks, creating our own “mat hats” and watching the production of “Alice in Wonderland” live at our very own school! Throughout the summer we also enjoyed going swimming and splashing

around every week, taking field trips to the Transportation Museum to go on an awesome train ride, and to see the Harlem Wizards play! We loved going to OT/PT, playing with our Friday Friends on the playground, and baking cupcakes! We had so much fun practicing our letters, numbers, and math skills throughout the **summer! We had a blast and can’t wait for next year!**



C-5

We have been very busy in P.A.C.E. so far. For Star Spangled Spectacular we made a delicious red, white and blue treat and a fireworks craft. The children listened to different instruments and figured out how they make sounds. We are continuing our swim lessons and having a great time. It was a lot of fun to go ride on the old fashioned train at Allaire State Park. We cannot wait for all the

exciting activities that are coming up!



C-6

The C-6 CHAMPS started out PACE during Star Spangled Banner week with some awesome firecracker crafts. We quickly jumped ahead to The Music in You week. We had a great time learning about instruments and also making our own. The music program was a BLAST as well. It got a little crazy during Mad Hatter week. The Pushcart Players put on an amazing Alice in wonderland show. We also went on a wild ride at the transportation Museum. **It's just been getting more Fun with Board Games week. We passed GO! and took a trip to the** Morris Museum to hear all about the Harlem Wizards. Then we topped the week off with some major game playing. The swimming lessons have been cool and we hope to ride the wave all the way to the I-max Theatre during our final week of Comfort and Balance. GO PACE!

C-6 Teachers

Mr. Fitz, Ms. Darlene, Ms. Maureen, & Mr. Halladay

C-7

The C – 7 Crabs had a fantastic summer at P.A.C.E. We celebrated America the first week of P.A.C.E. The theme for the week was **“Star Spangled Spectacular Week”**. We used a scrub brush to make spectacular fireworks! We made American Flags and Tissue Paper stars as well. We ended the week by making Red, White and Blue Pudding Cups! During **“The Music in you Week,”** we learned about different types of Musical Instruments. We made a guitar and learned many new songs. Also, one of our students sang to some of the other classrooms in the building. Next, we had **“Mad Hatter Week”**, where we learned all

about Alice in Wonderland! We had a wonderful week where we read the book, **“Alice in Wonderland”** and learned all about the different characters. We learned how to set a table. Also, we had our very own tea party, complete with Iced Tea and muffins! Then, we had **“Fun with Board Games Week.”** We made our very own Paper Towel Ring Toss Game and played various games that required us to share and take turns. For our last week of P.A.C.E., we had **“P.A.C.E. Talent Week,”** We rehearsed for the annual talent show! As you can see, we had a fun-filled summer at P.A.C.E.!

C-8

It has been a fun-filled summer at PACE for the C-8 Super Heroes!! Our days were filled with lots of learning and exciting activities. While keeping up with academics, we participated in weekly programs, clubs, made some fun crafts, cooked, and went on exciting trips!! We loved going to the spray park on those hot summer days!! We started week one with a Star Spangled Spectacular Week celebrating the great U.S.A.!! We enjoyed making red, white and blue windsocks and 4th of July rice Krispy treats! We sang and danced our way into week two, The Music In You Week! We listened to music, made our own guitars and made microphone cupcakes! Week

three, Mad Hatter we read Alice in Wonderland, saw Pushcart Players put on a fantastic play and we made crafts such as the Cheshire Cat and Alice going down the rabbit hole. We loved week four, Board Games!! We played lots of fun games, created our own board game, and became a human board game during our weekly program! Week five, Comfort and Balance had us relaxing. We learned breathing techniques, animal yoga poses, and we made stress balls! Now we can relax into the rest of summer as PACE comes to an end! We had a blast this year and look forward to another fun-filled summer next year!



C-9

The C-9 Trains had an awesome time chugging down the track at P.A.C.E. this summer. Jimmy, Nico, Parth, Tristan, Cristian and Valentina enjoyed making streamers and 4th of July chocolate covered pretzels during “Star Spangled Spectacular” week. We turned cereal boxes into guitars during “The Music in You” week. The edible microphones and xylophones we made with our friends from C-8 were awesome and delicious. During “Mad Hatter” week we made a poster of the Mad hatter with his friends the Queen of Hearts and the Cheshire Cat. We also had a fizzing good tea party during science and made edible tea cups during cooking. For “Fun with Board Games” we made our very own board games and made an edible Candy Land Board. The last week of P.A.C.E. was “Comfort and Balance” week. We practiced some yoga moves and made a poster showing those moves. We also made a healthy treat – fruit kabobs, they were delicious. In addition to all that, we had a great time playing Wii bowling, going on all of our trips, going swimming, and participating in all of the assemblies and clubs. Leni and the Trains would also like to thank Rose, Jane, and Lisa for helping us to have a wonderful summer.

C-10

The C-10 Monkeys, Elijah G., Sahiti K., Mason M., Devin P., and Michael K., had a great summer this year! We learned a lot from Ms. McRae and Mrs. S.

We did a lot of activities with our themes. We painted some fireworks for the first week, made instruments on our second week, made a Mad Hatter craft and ate a magic wand for the third week, played some great games on the 4th week and learned about yoga on our last week. We also went on some great trips such as the Railroad Museum, we went to see the Harlem Wizards, and enjoyed the waterpark, and went to the movies at the end of P.A.C.E. Every week we also had clubs with the other groups where we cooked and played games. We had a great time learning and having fun with our friends.

C-11

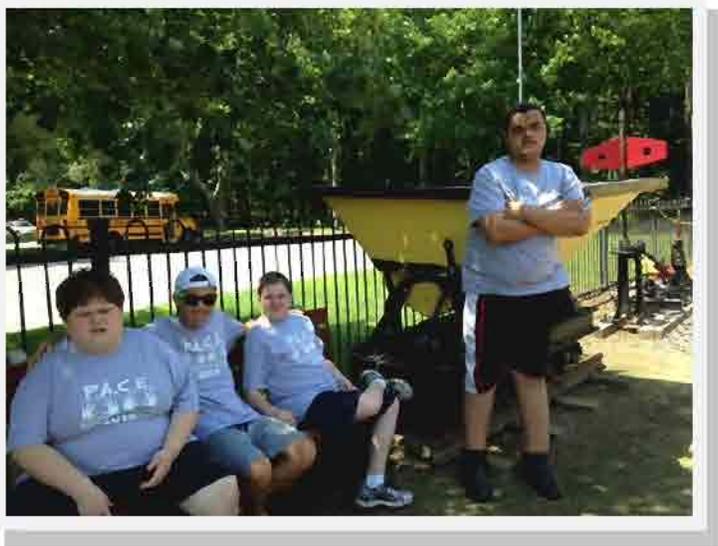
C11 has done lots of fun things to celebrate the themes at PACE this year. During Star Spangled Spectacular week, we celebrated by creating fireworks out of salt and food coloring. We also make our own American Flag Collages. The students cut out various shades of red, white and blue, and put them together to form a very creative image of our flag.

The second week of PACE, we incorporated the theme of The Music In Me into our topical conversation, writing and math lessons. One of our theme projects for the week was to create castanets from recyclable cardboard and bottle caps. We all followed along to a castanet video and played our instruments to a great beat.

Mad Hatter week was really fun too. We played Alice in Wonderland Bingo, Followed Directions for an Unbirthday Tea Party, and even created the Mad Hatter out of toilet paper rolls and patterns.

Our group also spent a beautiful day at Allaire State Park this summer. We had a nice picnic lunch, played on the playground and visited the transportation site. We had a shady train ride through the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and weather.

C11 had a wonderful time learning, while having some fun with our weekly themes at PACE!





D-1

The D-1 Blue Magic Wands, instructed by Ms. Ciniello, Mrs. Karlin, Mrs. Rovinsky, and Mr. Kukoly, and Mrs. Hahn blasted through an exciting summer! We kicked off our summer during Star Spangled Spectacular Week with lots of activities to show love for our country. Some of our favorites included making firework art projects to brighten up our classroom and completing American Pride word searches. During The Music in You Week, students learned about different types of musical instruments and created tambourines with paper plates, beans and pasta. For Mad Hatter Week, students enjoyed decorating paper hats and watching the Alice in Wonderland play. During Fun With Board Games Week, the stu-

dents participated in game play and learned on turn taking. Students enjoyed stretching and yoga during Comfort and Balance Week. Finally, students showed off their special skills during PACE Talent Week. The D-1 Blue Magic Wands visited Woodbridge Center Mall, Woodbridge Bowling Alley, Highland Grove **Spray Park and Wegman's just to name a few.** We would like to give a special thank you to everyone who made this summer fantastic!

D-2

Red, white, and blue were the spotlighted colors during Star-Spangled Spectacular Week. Learning about national symbols was fascinating while creating our own flags enhanced our artistic skills.

Music in You Week brought a lot of fun (and noise) with various instruments, favorite music selections, and a class band. BrainPop snippets and sorting activities helped us to identify and group the many types of instruments. We enjoyed a very interesting music show that taught us how to technologically mix music together. Garage Band here we come!

During Mad Hatter Week, we explored our uniqueness and learned to appreciate our differences. The Pushcart Players put on a very entertaining version of Alice and Wonderland for the whole school to enjoy. The D groups all shopped at Woodbridge Mall, ate lunch at Burger King, and bowled a few games at Majestic Lanes. What a fun-filled week!

Fun With Board Games Week allowed us the opportunity to create class wide board games. We also had a blast during the life size board game show. So much singing and dancing and laughing! The D groups also shopped 'till we dropped at the dollar store, Five Below, and Wegmans before devouring a delicious pizza lunch. Yummy.

A visit from the instructor at Comfort and Balance proved to be quite relaxing and rigorous as Comfort and Balance Week commenced. The D groups went to the movies to see The Minions-ba.na.nas- and the whole school experienced a fun-filled day at Bow Craft. Quite amusing. We also had the chance to visit D's Diner for a delicious lunch and fabulous service.

In the final days of P.A.C.E., we appreciated the talents of numerous schoolmates, went to the movies to see Saun the Sheep, and some even received awards.

It was a fantastic summer filled with learning, laughter, and long-lived memories. Special thanks to Ms. Sandra, Ms. Christina, Ms. Linda, Ms. Jane, and Mr. Justin. Happy summer!

By Janine Robertazzi

D-3

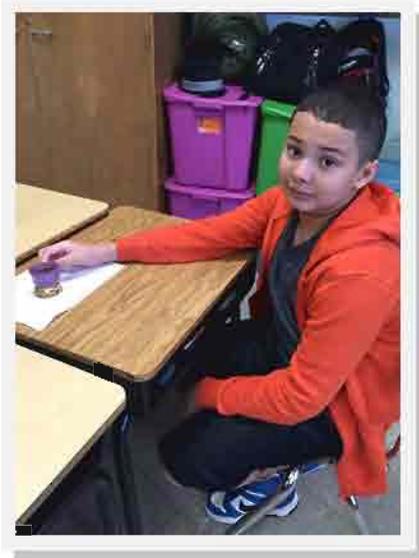
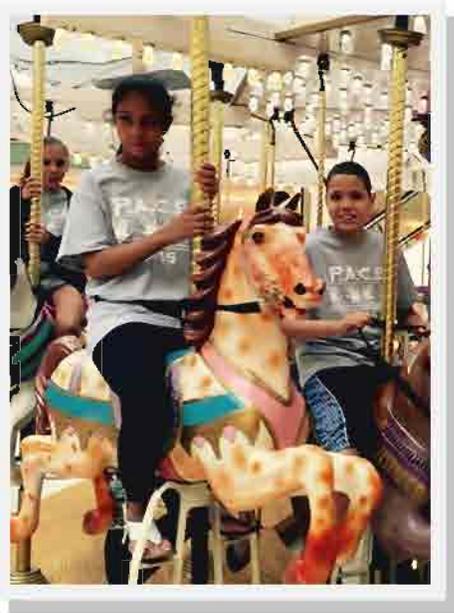
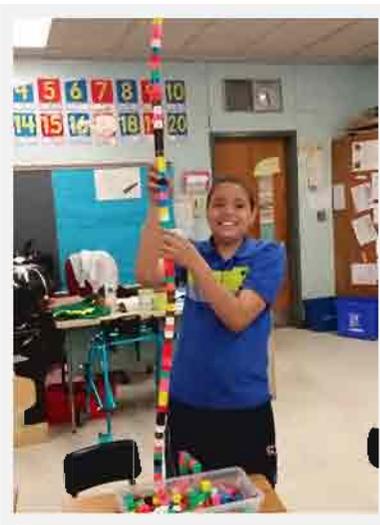
The D-3 Stars, who were instructed by Ms. Miller, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Borowicz, Mrs. Blash and Mr. Mavin had yet another amazing summer at P.A.C.E.! We kicked off the summer with "Star Spangled Spectacular Week" and "The Music in You." Throughout "Star Spangled Spectacular Week," we painted flags and sang patriotic songs in honor of the Fourth of July. During "The Music in You Week," we made a variety of instruments, sang and danced to songs and watched a musical performance. We ended the week by having a musical parade in our classroom. The third week of school was "Mad Hatter Week." We read the story of "Alice in Wonderland," watched the movie and also saw a spectacular play acted out by the Pushcart Players. After the performance, we talked about and wrote down highlights from the play, as well as made our very own Mad Hatter hats. Our hats were a hit all over the school! This past week, we traveled to Woodbridge Mall. There, we reinforced our social skills by ordering lunch at Burger King and brushed up on our math skills when we purchased items from Dollar Tree. The next day, we enjoyed a trip to the Woodbridge Bowling Alley. The fourth week of P.A.C.E. was "Fun with Board Games," where we created our own classroom board game. Students interacted on teams to compete against each other. This week, we took a trip over to Five Below and Wegmans. The fifth and final full week of P.A.C.E. was "Comfort and Balance Week." We relaxed and enjoyed a Yoga class given by the owner of Comfort and Balance studio in Sewaren. We also had many trips planned during that week. We went to the Spray Park, Bow Craft Amusement Park and enjoyed a trip to the movie theater. The last two days of P.A.C.E., we showed off our skills during the school Talent Show. During each week of P.A.C.E., we learned a lot of new things as well as reinforced skills. The D-3 Stars would like to thank everyone who helped make this summer a fun and memorable one! See you next year!

D-4

D-4, who was instructed by Mr. McCabe, Mr. Grasso, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. LaRocque, Mrs. Leszega, and Mr. Nemetz had yet another fun summer at P.A.C.E.. The class learned a lot and reinforced many academic and social skills. We kicked off the summer with Star Spangled Spectacular and The Music In You Week. During this time we sang and learned about different parts of our country. In week three, Mad Hatter Week, the class enjoyed trips to Woodbridge Center Mall and Woodbridge Bowling Alley. Week four was Fun With Board Games Week where we enjoyed playing board games with our friends. The class visited Five Below, The Dollar Tree and Wegmans, which reinforced life skills during this week. Week five was Comfort and Balance Week, we had a great time exploring yoga. Our class had a great time watching some of the talent at P.A.C.E. at the annual Talent Show. D-4 thoroughly enjoyed Bowcraft Amusement Park.

During the summer D-4 ran D's Diner. Each week we had a different theme and served different groups of students. The students of D-4 took on the different roles that are needed to run a Diner. The different roles were, greeter, host or hoestess, waiter or waitress, and kitchen help. The students really embraced their roles and worked very hard to make it a great dining experience for everyone.

The staff and students of D-4 would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this a fun and memorable summer.





RISE

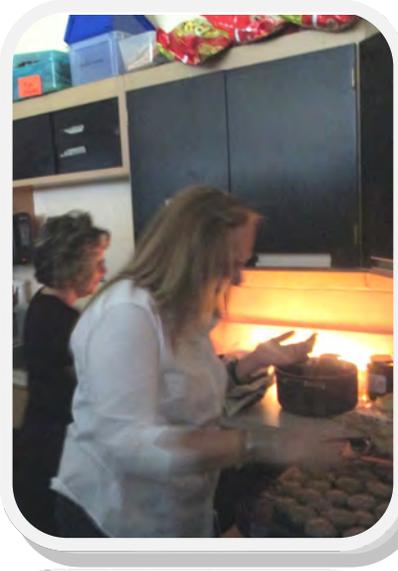
During PACE, the Rise Stars continue to work on and strengthen their daily living skills such as laundry-washing PACE shirts for D-groups, making the bed, vacuuming, cleaning, and grocery shopping at Shop Rite for the PACE clubs. During the school year, students worked at a variety of job sites, such as Pathmark, Walgreen's and Marshall's; Marshall's allowed our students to continue their work experience three days a week-Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the summer program. The students also donned chef hats and prepared an assortment of dishes -chili, sausage, peppers and onions, tacos, meatballs and sauce, chicken, vegetables and biscuits, peach pancakes, peach crumble and peach pie (using the peaches they picked at the orchard) and finally bacon, eggs and hash browns. During their daily question and answer sessions the students chose tacos and chili as their favorite dishes! In order to enhance the learning experience, the students went on numerous class trips including bowling, Giamarese Farms, Menlo Park Mall, Woodbridge Center, Target, The Reo Diner, Shop Rite and Comfort and Balance Yoga. Many of the recipes and community experiences were chosen from a student generated list. Overall, the students had a fun and productive summer at the RISE Building.



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Do I hear the “Jingle, Jangle”.... of P.A.C.E. Bracelets?

Those of us who have been with P.A.C.E. for a few years now, know that we try to something a little different each year. Some years it is in the area of fundraising, other years it is an activity for the kids. For example, last year we introduced the “Sprayground” at Highland Grove (thanks to the Mayor and the Recreation Dept.), while a year or two before we introduced the “Pink ‘n Black” P.A.C.E. t-shirts.

This year it's the P.A.C.E. bracelet. Designed and crafted by co-president Kim Schmalenberger, with assistance from Sue Bourdin, these expandable bracelets come with a variety of charms. They serve multiple purposes: they are wearable art expressing our love for our children and our commitment to them, and they are a fundraiser for our P.A.C.E. Parents' Organization. *If you would like to order a bracelet, contact Kim Schmalenberger at: autumn7796@comcast.net or on Facebook at paceparentsorganization.*



THANK YOU!

To all of our families, friends, staff, and community organizations who have helped us this summer and in summers past. Without your support, whether in terms of time or money, we would not be able to offer the kids Activity Nights, or the iPlay trip, or help support the APE Fitness Meet at WHS. Without your help, we could not offer parent-training sessions and support groups with free childcare. WITH YOUR HELP, our children and their families will be the BEST THEY CAN BE!!!

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A Message From the Director

We have just completed our 49th summer here at the P.A.C.E. Program. Throughout the summer our staff has worked with your children to strengthen and reinforce the academic skills that are identified in their individual education plans while providing them with many activities that have helped them to further develop their social and emotional growth.

Our P.A.C.E. Parents' Group has continued to grow and we are very grateful for all that they do for us. They continue to be successful in securing the funding for our annual events and for our P.A.C.E. shirts and our trip to i-play. The group also continues to meet during the course of the school year and they provide our students with several activity nights during the fall and spring months in addition to offering child care each month during their meetings. After each meeting they also conduct the Parents' Support Group to discuss some of the issues that parents of special education students must deal with on a day to day basis. Please check your local cable station for some of the group's upcoming events. You will also be able to locate the P.A.C.E. Parents' Website as it will appear as a link to the Board of Education's home page.

As P.A.C.E. continues to grow we have added the RISE Program to daily activities. By implementing this program we have been able to provide our older students with real work experiences as they prepare to transition into their adult life. We have also worked in collaboration with the Mayor and the Community Center to offer our Autistic students swimming instructions and all of our students some time to cool off at the Highland Grove Spray Park.

On behalf of all of our students and our staff, we'd like to thank you for sharing your child's summer with us. We are extremely fortunate in Woodbridge Township to work with a Superintendent and School Administration that collaborates with the Board of Education in order to provide continued support for the Woodbridge Township Extended School Year Program. Their vision and their commitment to the P.A.C.E. Program have created many worthwhile experiences for our kids.

Robert F. Patten

Director: PACE

The Woodbridge Township Extended School Year Program

Good-bye Summer 2015, See you in 2016!



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